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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request that an urgent meeting of the Security Council be convened with regard to the last tragic event in Kosovo, where dozens of ethnic Albanians were massacred by Serb military and police forces in the village of Recak.

This act of barbarism constitutes a flagrant violation of Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998) and 1203 (1998). It is a crime against humanity and it creates a serious precedent for the escalation of violence in Kosovo, and in the region. Given the urgency of the matter, my Government is of the opinion that such an event calls for the immediate attention of the Council.

(Signed) M. Agim NESHO
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